

SENATE BILL 56
By Fowler

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68, Chapter 5, Part 4, relative to testing of newborn infants.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-5-401, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision at the end of the existing language:

(c) Regulations promulgated by the department pursuant to this section shall not preclude the use of private laboratories, as an alternative to state government operated laboratories, to conduct the analysis required by subdivision (a)(1) so long as such laboratory meets the following requirements.

(1) The laboratory must be certified according to the federal Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1998, 42 U.S.C. Section 263(a), and must be licensed to perform screening testing of newborn infants in the state in which the laboratory is located and such license must be in good standing.

(2) The laboratory must provide screening for at least the following:

- (A) Phenylketonuria;
- (B) Galactosemia;
- (C) Hypothyroidism;

(D) Sickle Cell Anemia and other hemoglobinopathies;

(E) Cystic Fibrosis;

(F) Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia;

(G) Maple Syrup Urine Disease;

(H) Homocysteinuria;

(I) Biotinidase Deficiency; and

(J) Medium Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency.

(3) The laboratory must agree to provide the division of maternal and child health with prompt reports and data to ensure that the patient has confirmatory testing, diagnosis and treatment.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.